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TITLE OF INVENTION: REVALIDATION OF A COMPILER FOR SAFETY CONTROL

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/519,151

Applicant(s)

OPEM ET AL.

Examiner

PHILIP WANG

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 9/4/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 5-7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Philip R. Wang/ 12/31/2009
Patent Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to amendment filed on 9/4/2009.
2. Per Applicant's request, claims 1 and 7 have been amended.
3. The 35 USC § 112 first paragraph rejections of claims 1-7 has been withdrawn in view of the Applicant's amendment to the claims.
4. Claims 1, 3, 5-7 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in communication with Eric J. Franklin (Reg. No. 37,134) on December 31, 2009 to obviate any potential issues and to put the claims in condition for allowance.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method to revalidate a compiler and a compiler execution environment intended for compilation of a user-written program for safety control in an industrial control system after use of the compiler and the compiler execution environment, the method comprising:

compiling a test program a first time with a compiler which test program is defined in a control language;

validating the compiler and the compiler execution environment by verifying that the test program executes correctly;

generating a first software element derived from the compiled test program intended for later comparison purposes;

compiling the test program a second time after the compilation of a user-written program wherein the test program and the user-written program are compiled with the compiler used to compile the ~~text~~ test program the first time;

generating a second software element intended for a comparison based on the second compilation of the test program;

downloading the first software element and the second software element to a device with safety features;

comparing, in the device with safety features, the first software element with the second software element to determine whether errors were introduced between the first and the second compilation;

enabling, provided that the revalidation indicates no errors in the compiler and the compiler execution environment, the user-written program to execute in a the device with safety features for control of real world entities; and

when the user-written program is enabled, executing said user-written program in said device with safety features for control of real world entities.

2. (Canceled)

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4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[4]]~~3, wherein the comparing further comprises downloading a variable that changes over time, which is downloaded in ~~the same a~~ message as comprising the check-sum or code to the device, where the variable that changes over time is used to achieve a change in the message.

7. (Currently amended) A computer program product, comprising:

computer readable medium; and

computer program instructions recorded on the computer readable medium and executable by a processor for carrying out a method to revalidate a compiler and a compiler execution environment intended for compilation of a user-written program for safety control in an industrial control system after use of the compiler and the compiler execution environment, the method comprising:

compiling a test program a first time with a compiler which test program is defined in a control language;

validating the compiler and the compiler execution environment by verifying that the test program executes correctly;

generating a first software element derived from the compiled test program intended for later comparison purposes;

compiling the test program a second time after the compilation of a user-written program wherein the test program and the user-written program are compiled with the

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compiler used to compile the ~~test~~ test program the first time;

generating a second software element intended for a comparison based on the second compilation of the test program;

downloading the first software element and the second software element to a device with safety features;

comparing, in the device with safety features, the first software element with the second software element to determine whether errors were introduced between the first and the second compilation;

enabling, provided that the revalidation indicates no errors in the compiler and the compiler execution environment, the user-written program to execute in a device with safety features for control of real world entities; and

when the user-written program is enabled, executing said user-written program in said device with safety features for control of real world entities.

-end of currently amended claims-

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach the limitation "compiling the test program a second time after the compilation of a user-written program wherein the test program and the user-written program are compiled with the compiler used to compile the test program the first time;

generating a second software element intended for a comparison based on the second compilation of the test program;

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comparing, in the device with safety features, the first software element with the second software element to determine whether errors were introduced between the first and the second compilation;

enabling, provided that the revalidation indicates no errors in the compiler and the compiler execution environment, the user-written program to execute in a the device with safety features for control of real world entities; and

when the user-written program is enabled, executing said user-written program in said device with safety features for control of real world entities.

.” as recited in independent claims 1 and 7.

The closest cited prior arts; USPN 5,754,860 by McKeeman et al. teaches a method of two more compilers perform compilation according to a programming standard by employing a differential testing technique based on a test program. It is different from the instant applicant that a single compiler is used to compile a test program twice in order to detect compiler or environmental errors introduced between compilations. Further McKeeman does not disclose downloading the first software element and the second software element onto a device and compared the two elements in the device in order to determine if errors were introduced between a first compilation and a second compilation and further enable

operation of a device with safety feature. Other prior art on record does not appear to disclose or suggest such limitation either.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip Wang whose telephone number is 571-272-5934. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8 - 44:00PM. Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

/Philip R. Wang/ 12/31/2009

Patent Examiner

